

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A clipping device comprising:

a sheath member to be inserted into a body cavity  
of a subject;

5 an operation wire inserted into the sheath member  
in a back/forth movable way;

a coupling member directly connected to a distal  
end of the operation wire; and

10 a clip for use in clipping a living tissue, the  
clip being detachably coupled to the coupling member  
and adapted to be closed by a pulling operation of the  
operation wire, in which the clip is separated in  
a closed state from the coupling member.

15 2. A clipping device according to claim 1,  
wherein the operation wire and coupling member are so  
fixed as to be nondetachable.

20 3. A clipping device according to claim 2,  
wherein the operation wire and coupling member are  
connected to each other by passing the operation wire  
through a hole of the coupling member and by turning  
the operation wire back.

4. A clipping device according to claim 2,  
wherein the operation wire and coupling member are  
connected to each other by welding.

25 5. A clipping device according to claim 4,  
wherein the operation wire and coupling member are  
coupled to each other by a laser process.

6. A clipping device according to claim 2,  
wherein the operation wire and coupling member are  
connected to each other by cramping.

7. A clipping device according to claim 1,  
5 further comprising an insertion tube fitted over an  
outer side of the sheath member.

8. A clipping device according to claim 7,  
further comprising a first operation means mounted near  
a base end of the insertion tube to allow the insertion  
10 tube and sheath member to be operated in a back/forth  
moving way; and a second operation means having a  
slider coupled to a base end of the operation wire and  
adapted to move the sheath member back and forth.

9. A clipping device according to claim 8,  
15 wherein the operation wire is turned back at a middle  
part, and the slider of the second operation means is  
fixed to the middle part.

10. A clipping device according to claim 1,  
wherein the coupling member has a clip latching hole,  
20 the clip latching hole having an opening to provide a  
hook-like hole to allow the clip to be detachably  
mounted to the coupling member.

11. A clipping device according to claim 7,  
wherein the insertion tube has an embossed inner  
25 surface.

12. A clipping device according to claim 7,  
wherein the insertion tube has an embossed outer

surface.

13. A clipping device according to claim 7,  
wherein the insertion tube has embossed outer and inner  
surfaces.

5           14. A clipping device comprising a clip fixable  
onto a living tissue, an insertion member for allowing  
the clip to be inserted into the living body cavity,  
and an operation device capable of performing an  
operation of fixing the clip onto the living body  
10          cavity, in which, when the clipping device is packaged,  
at least one clip is mounted on the insertion member.

          15. A clipping device according to claim 14,  
further comprising a twice inadvertent clip attachment  
prevention feature which, after one clip initially  
15          mounted on the insertion member has been used and fixed  
onto a body cavity, another clip cannot be again  
mounted on the device and so used.

          16. A clipping device according to claim 1,  
further comprising a twice inadvertent clip attachment  
20          prevention feature which, after one initially mounted  
clip has been used and fixed onto a body cavity,  
another clip cannot be again mounted on the device.